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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF UNITED)	ORDER OF APPROVAL
TELEPHONE COMPANY OF NEW JERSEY, INC)	
(D/B/A EMBARQ) TO INCREASE THE TOTAL MONTH	ILY)	
CREDIT FOR LIFELINE CUSTOMERS' BASIC LOCAL	.)	
SERVICE CHARGE)	DOCKET NO. TT06060494

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On June 29, 2006, United Telephone Company of New Jersey, Inc., d/b/a Embarq (Petitioner or Embarq) filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities (Board) to increase the total monthly credit for Lifeline customers' basic local service charge. This petition was filed to bring the Tariff into compliance with item No. 3 of attachment A to the stipulation approved as part of the Board's March 9, 2006 Order granting the change of ownership and control at Docket TM05080739. On January 26, 2007 an amendment was filed to the original petition to clarify how the \$.75 U-Touch credit would be applied. The total credit to customers who have U-Touch will now be \$7.00. For customers without U-Touch the credit will be \$6.25. These figures are the result of application of the stipulation approved in Docket TM05080739 and are composed of the following;

- 1. Existing \$1.75 federal tier II credit
- 2. \$2.75 state credit
- 3. \$.75 state touchtone credit
- 4. The \$1.75 federal tier III matching credit

In addition to these credits, as further specified in the above stipulation, United has agreed to promote Lifeline twice yearly through bill messages and notifications of county social service providers. As stipulated, program participants may not be disqualified due to past due amounts, although they may be limited to basic exchange rate services.

Furthermore, program participants, may choose to purchase and pay for optional vertical features at applicable tariff rates. U-Touch is included with Lifeline service at no additional charge.

Accordingly, the Board HEREBY APPROVES the tariff change to provide modifications to the Lifeline program in keeping with approved stipulation. The modifications to the tariff shall go into effect immediately.

DATED: 3/6/07

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